

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-11, 13, 16, 20-23, 27-28, 30, and 40-42 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-19 and 28-29 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated. The claims have been amended accordingly.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form. The dependency of claims 2-3, 5-6, 9-10, and 20-23 has been changed to claim 11. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-12 and 20-26 are allowable.

Claim 13 has been rewritten in an independent form, and also includes additional features (e.g., the terminal includes a card reader; the cover in a closed position prevents access to the card reader; the cover control device is located remotely from the terminal). Claim 1 now depends from claim 13. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 13-19 are allowable.

Claim 28 has also been rewritten in independent form. The dependency of claims 27, 30, and 40-42 has been changed to claim 28. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 27-43 are also allowable.

It follows that all of the pending claims 1-43 are now allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

No Additional Fees Required

Applicants have previously paid for forty-three (43) claims. Forty-three (43) claims remain pending, including three (3) independent claims. Thus, no fee is deemed required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee associated with this Response and any other fee due to Deposit Account 04-1077.

Conclusion

Each of Applicants' pending claims specifically recites features, relationships, and/or steps that are neither disclosed nor suggested in any of the applied prior art. Furthermore, the applied prior art is devoid of any such teaching, suggestion, or motivation for combining features of the applied prior art so as to produce Applicants' invention. Allowance of all of Applicants' pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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